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## **SOUTH CAROLINA EGG PRODUCTION UP FROM 2010**

SOUTH CAROLINA'S laying flocks produced 98 million eggs during March up 1 percent from last year, according to the USDA-NASS, South Carolina Field Office. Production totaled 75 million table eggs and 23 million hatching eggs. The number of layers averaged 4,429,000 birds, up less than 1 percent from 4,417,000 a year ago. March egg production per 100 layers was 2,213 eggs, compared with 2,196 in 2010.

UNITED STATES egg production totaled 7.83 billion during March 2011, down slightly from last year. Production included 6.75 billion table eggs, and 1.08 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.01 billion were broiler-type and 73 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during March 2011 averaged 340 million, down 1 percent from last year. March egg production per 100 layers was 2,302 eggs, up slightly from March 2010.

## **SOUTH CAROLINA BROILER HATCHERY PRODUCTION DOWN**

During the month of March, SOUTH CAROLINA'S broiler hatcheries produced 19.6 million chicks, down 4 percent from the 20.4 million hatched in March 2010.

The UNITED STATES Broiler-type chicks hatched during March 2011 totaled 794 million, up 1 percent from March 2010. Eggs in incubators totaled 650 million on April 1, 2011, up 1 percent from a year earlier.